

News Release



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Take Refuge in the Desert

BORREGO SPRINGS — With dense smoke covering much of San Diego county, clear skies and clean air can be found as near as Borrego Springs. Persons suffering respiratory difficulty due to smoke and ash may wish to consider escaping to the desert areas of San Diego County. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park will provide campsites at no charge for those displaced by the fire.

The State Park will operate normally during the fire as officials continue to monitor the situation. District Superintendent Mat Fuzie noted that "the desert provides a natural fire break." "Fuel continuity is minimal on the desert floor, with light vegetation widely spaced so the desert is relatively safe." Prevailing winds have also been keeping the smoke and ash out of the desert areas so far.

Park officials urge everyone to heed travel restrictions and consider road closures. However those persons who need to get out of the smoke for health reasons will find a completely different world just over the hill in Borrego Springs. Desert temperatures are in the high eighties, with sunny blue skies. Local resorts in Borrego Springs still report rooms available as well.

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